



EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK

Emily Hunter Soontornsaratool

If there's one word to describe Emily Hunter Soontornsaratool it would be, 'versatile.' With a background in visual arts, magazine editing and publishing, as well as library and archival science, Emily brings a diverse skill set to her position as the Data Program Manager for the Energy Office. Since joining DGS about a year ago, she has identified ways to improve the State Energy Database, increased participation by agency energy coordinators, and most recently planned the first-ever Maryland Energy Cup



Awards. For *Doing Great Service* and delivering results through hard work and determination, Emily is our DGS Employee of the Week.

"Emily is a valuable part of the Energy Office team," said Lauren Buckler, Director, Office of Energy and Engineering. "Her work ethic and ability to problem solve have pushed the Energy Office into several successful new ventures including advancing the Agency Energy Competition, recognition in a case study on Maryland's energy data success story and training all State Energy Managers."

Beginning late last summer, Emily developed a budget, timeline and vision for the Maryland Energy Cup Awards which recognize State agencies achieving significant reductions in energy use. From creating a Maryland Energy Cup logo and event website, to working with energy coordinators to develop a slide show featuring energy efficiency highlights from State agencies, Emily made sure no detail was overlooked.

More than 250 legislators, agency secretaries, energy coordinators and vendors packed the conference room at the Miller Senate building for the awards which were held February 6. Governor O'Malley was the featured speaker and joined Secretary Collins in presenting the awards. The event was truly a success largely due to Emily's tireless efforts.

Emily says the best part of her job is being a project manager. She enjoys the challenge of clearly defining project goals, developing a plan to meet those goals, and ensuring milestones and deadlines are met.

Before joining DGS, Emily worked for the Smithsonian cataloguing biodiversity field books, an experience she says was incredibly rewarding.

When she's not at the office, Emily enjoys painting, drawing and doing crafty things. She and her husband Art like to cook and experiment with new recipes. They also camp and hike, frequently accompanied by their adorable dog June. June even joins Emily and Art on their kayaking adventures, wearing a doggie life jacket and loving every minute of it!

DGS would like to thank Emily Hunter Soontornsaratool for enthusiastically and energetically ***Doing Great Service!***